

exalted ego of little learning seems to convince its dupes that they are born to heal for coin and their ignorance confirms the verdict.

The low opinion which some chiropractors have of the intelligence of the people is betrayed in their tiresome repetition of the false statement that the California State Board of Medical Examiners is composed of competitors of theirs and are therefore prejudiced against them. The action of the Board is subject to court review and the way to the courts is always open. But when the unlicensed chiropractors are haled before the courts, they object to court review. The ways of the transgressor are hard to understand.

Editorial Comment

On June 5, 1920, the records of the State Board of Medical Examiners showed 1150 practicing physicians in good standing in San Francisco.

In this, as in every other issue of the Journal, you are going to miss things of unusual value and interest, if you do not look through the entire Journal.

Will the Eddyites kindly bring forward one single case of proved syphilis cured by Eddyism alone? If they will do this, it will strengthen our wavering faith in their sincerity.

In connection with Dr. Rixford's article last month on Osteopathy, be sure to read in another column of this issue, "Why We Believe in Proper Medical Education."

The intimate relationship between the physician and industry was pointedly expressed in a recent lecture on industrial medicine by Dr. David Edsall, in San Francisco, when he said: "I think I never go into a factory of any kind without seeing *something* that has a direct relation to medicine."

A number of papers read at the Santa Barbara meeting have not yet been submitted to the Journal office. Will those who are dilatory, neglectful, or forgetful, please send in their papers at once?

In spite of the crowded condition of the Journal, physicians outside of Los Angeles and San Francisco are urgently requested to send in short reports of cases of special interest or difficult diagnosis. If you wish assistance on some obscure case, send in an outline and it will be discussed in the Journal by appropriate authorities. Your name need not appear if you so wish.

Social work has become a large and important specialty of medicine. A hospital or clinic without a social service department is sadly out of touch with modern medicine. The physician must not forget his obligation to translate his training

and experience into social terms through the medium of the social worker. Social service is the handmaid of modern medicine, and as such, must be rightly trained, rightly advised and rightly directed.

The managers of the State Charities Aid Association of New York, in asking the Governor to veto a bill recognizing chiropractors, state as follows: "No persons trained in anatomy and the treatment of disease recognize that there is any such thing as 'misplaced or displaced vertebrae' in the sense referred to. If a man is hanged, his vertebrae are very likely displaced. . . . The whole structure of chiropractic is built on an assumption which, according to the best information we can get, has no basis in known fact and is contrary to all accepted scientific teachings."

Special Articles

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES

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ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT

For many reasons the members of the medical profession of California are singularly fortunate.

Their activities are carried on in one of the Earth's great Natural Gardens, in which mountain and vale, ocean and lake, orchard and meadow perpetually delight the eye and divert the worried mind.

Their patients and friends or their forebears came to California because the spirit of courage and adventure or love of the beautiful impelled them to leave their ancestral homes and carve out new fortunes and revitalize their souls in a strange and alluring environment.

Peoples from all the places of the Earth, here assembled and mutually intrigued by the seductive charm of their California, have developed an unconstrained familiar spirit from which has arisen that hospitable character which is so well-known the world over and makes life in this state complete, contented and happy.

The physicians of this state, like physicians everywhere, have been generous in individual personal service and when their reward has not been adequate the cause has not always been lack of appreciation on the part of the patient but often to neglect by the doctor of his business methods or to financial difficulty of the patient beyond his control.

They have not until recently, however, made serious attempts to give an organized communal service to the people as a whole.

The possibilities of civic service by an organized medical profession ramify in countless directions and his neglect of his very great responsibilities has resulted in the trained medical man the world over having no voice in legislative bodies.

Influence in the best sense is ever the reward of service and in so-much as an organized medical profession aids the people in the solution of the various problems that stand between them and bet-